The Honorable Tiffany M. Cartwright 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT TACOMA 9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Case No. 3:24-cv-05885-TMC 10 Plaintiff, ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S 11 MOTION TO SEAL v. 12 MUKUL VERMA, 13 Defendant. 14 15 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiffs' Motion to Seal the unredacted versions 16 of (1) Exhibit B to the Complaint, Declaration of Dr. Eddie Wang (Dkt. No. 1-4); and (2) Ex 17 Parte Motion for an Emergency Temporary Restraining Order to Provide Involuntary Hydration 18 (Dkt. No. 2). 19 The Court finds that there are compelling reasons to seal the unredacted versions of the 20 Declaration of Eddie Wang and the Motion for an Emergency Temporary Restraining Order. 21 The unredacted versions contain Defendant Verma's confidential medical information. The 22 redacted, publicly-filed versions provide sufficient information for the public to understand the 23 nature of the case, the position of the parties, the factual and legal issues at stake, and the 24 ORDER REGARDING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO SEAL [Case No. 3:24-UNITED STATES ATTORNEY 1201 PACIFIC AVE., STE. 700 cv-05885-TMC] - 1 TACOMA, WA 98402

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reasons for the Court's decisions. The interest in the public in accessing court records thus does not outweigh Verma's privacy interest in confidential medical information. Having considered the papers submitted herewith, it is hereby: ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to Seal is GRANTED. Dated this 18th day of October, 2024. United States District Judge Presented by: TESSA M. GORMAN United States Attorney <u>s/ Michelle R. Lambert</u> MICHELLE R. LAMBERT, NYS #4666657 Assistant United States Attorney United States Attorney's Office 14 1201 Pacific Avenue, Suite 700 Tacoma, Washington 98402 15 Phone: (253) 428-3824 16 Fax: (253) 428-3826 Email: michelle.lambert@usdoj.gov Attorneys for Plaintiff